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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN PAPERS FOR WORKING GROUP 3 OF INFCE

1. JEFF BENSON (ASSISTANT SECRETARY, NUCLEAR AFFAIRS, DFA)
HANDED EMBOFF A COPY OF TWO AUSTRALIAN "THINK PIECES" WHICH

HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION/INFCE VIENNA
FOR DISSEMINATION AMONG PARTICIPANTS IN WORKING GROUP 3.

2. FIRST PAPER EXAMINES THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUPPLIER
STATES AND CONSUMER STATES IN CONFORMING SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS
TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND CALLS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION
AND EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS TO IMPROVE SUPPLY
GUARANTEES CONSISTENT WITH NONPROLIFERATION GOALS. THIS
PAPER IS, IN EFFECT A "FOX IN THE CHICKEN COOP" -- A PAPER
WHICH ROY FERNANDEZ TOLD EMBOFF WAS PREPARED MAINLY TO
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"STIR UP THE JUICES AND GET PEOPLE THINKING SERIOUSLY ABOUT
THE NEED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPPLY ASSURANCES WITHOUT
COMPROMISING NONPROLIFERATION GOALS." THE GOA HAS NO
PARTICULAR EXPECTATION THAT THE PAPER WILL BE ACCEPTABLE
IN ITS PRESENT FORM, BUT IT HAS CONCLUDED THAT SOME BOLD
NEW DEPARTURE FROM THE TONE AND TENOR OF CONTEMPORARY
DISCUSSIONS IS REQUIRED BEFORE A CONSENSUS IS LIKELY TO

EMERGE. BENSON SAID, IN HANDING OVER A COPY OF THE PAPER, THAT GOA WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR USG VIEWS, EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL, EITHER THROUGH THE WORKING GROUP 3 CHANNEL IN VIENNA OR THROUGH EMBASSY/CANBERRA.

3. SECOND PAPER IS ENTITLED " RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIES", AND DESCRIBES IN GENERAL TERMS THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORLD TRADE IN URANIUM FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION, IDENTIFYING PARTICULARLY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF A RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIER, THOSE FACTORS RELEVANT TO FUTURE STUDY. THE DISCUSSION IS LIMITED TO THE PROVISION OF FUEL FOR TYPICAL LIGHT WATER REACTOR SYSTEMS.

4. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT BOTH OF THESE PAPERS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY USDEL WORKING GROUP 3 IN VIENNA. IF THESE PAPERS HAVE NOT YET REACHED USDEL WG-3 VIENNA OR DEPARTMENT, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO FORWARD BUT DID NOT WANT TO DUPLICATE THE EFFORT IF THEY ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE.
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